

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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I have read with interest the leading article in the August issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*, in which Dr. Robert T. Legge\* reviewed the progress of industrial medicine in the past fifty years. I realize that the treatment of the subject was necessarily sketchy, but I regretted that several important early publications were not mentioned. I have in mind the following:

Sir Oliver Thomas. *Diseases of Occupation*, from the Legislative, Social and Medical Points of View. London: Methuen and Co., 1908, pp. 427. New Library of Medicine.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson (of New York). *The Occupational Diseases—Their Causation, Symptoms, Treatment and Prevention*. New York and London: D. Appleton and Co., 1914.

I should also like to direct Dr. Legge's attention to a chart which I prepared in

1916 on the basis of Dr. Thompson's book. This chart, issued under the auspices of the Division of Industrial Hygiene, Department of Health, City of New York, in 1916, was entitled "Industrial Poisons and Irritants Originating in Dusty Trades." It was arranged by industries and by symptoms as they affected various anatomic systems. The chart was distributed to every outpatient clinic in New York City. It can be found in the annual report of the Association of Outpatient Clinics of New York City for 1916.

I thought Dr. Legge would like to know of these items and that you might publish a note about them for the information of present-day workers in the field of industrial medicine.

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